

Instructional Quality Commission,

Please accept my comment pursuant to your Updated Draft History–Social Science Framework - Attachment 1D: Course Descriptions, Grades Nine through Twelve (DOC; Update Oct-1-2015)

Page 546 / Line 903-905 "American foreign policy in the Middle East included CIA involvement in overthrowing the democratically elected but socialist-leaning government in Iran, and the tensions that would lead (much later) to the first and second Gulf Wars."

I strongly disagree with the characterization of Mossadegh as "socialist-leaning": he was a staunch nationalist of the liberal democratic tradition and much documentation shows how little attraction the Soviet model held for him. While the CIA's overthrow of Iran's elected government should rightly be seen in terms of the Cold War, that is not due to Mossadegh being socialist-leaning (sic) but rather to the US ideological and economic imperative to control Iran as part of its rivalry with the Soviet Union.

Furthermore, the first and second Gulf wars are not a direct product of the cold war. In fact the hallmark of the 1990-91 war is that the Soviet Union and the US were on the same side against Saddam Hussein. And by 2003, the US-Russian cold war had yet to be revived, as it is now. That categorically incorrect statement in line 905 should be removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. Good luck with your updates. Instructional

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